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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

STONE, Roger

Serial No. 10/606,315

Filed: 6/25/03

For: Connector

Examiner: Flemming Saether

Art Unit: 3677

AMENDMENT and
PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME

Via Fax: 703.872.9306
Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Examiner Saether:

This amendment is responsive to the office action mailed 9/29/04 and its consideration and entry
in the case is requested.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time in which to respond pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136.

Amendment**I. In The Specification.**

1. None.

II. In the Drawings.

1. None

IV. Remarks.

The following rejections were entered by the Examiner.

1. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 6-11 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Rückert (US 5,288,191).

As to amended claim 1, Rückert does not teach a first body member that is directly engagable with the structural part for preventing a first body rotation. If Applicant understands correctly, the Examiner identifies the first body as annular part (7) and the "projecting detent (8)" as the first body member. Circumferential toothing (8) is disposed on an outer surface of annular part (7) which is secured against hole (9) in socket (10) in a press fit, col. 4, lines 6-11. Circumferential toothing (8) do not directly engage structural part (18) as now claimed.

Claims 2, 4 and 6 depend directly or ultimately from claim 1.

As to independent claim 7, Rückert does not teach "a bushing bore surface portion sacrificially engageable with a fastener portion". The Examiner admits there are no sacrificial portion (threads) taught in Rückert on page 3 of the office action, rendering independent claim 7 allowable.

Claims 8-11 depend directly or ultimately from independent claim 7.

2. Claims 3 and 5 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rückert as applied to claims 1 and 2 above, and further in view of Ozawa (US 6,779,957).

Claims 3 and 5 depend directly or ultimately from amended claim 1.

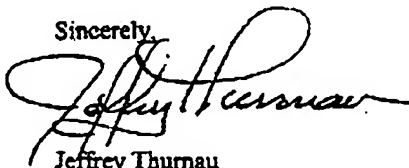
Applicant requests that all claims be passed to allowance.

V. Fees.

Any fees payable for this petition for extension of time and amendment, or which may be otherwise required to avoid abandonment of the application, may be deducted from deposit account 07-0475 in the name of The Gates Corporation.

Thank you for your attention to this case. If any questions arise, please call at the number below.

Sincerely,



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